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Santa Fe National Forest and Valles Caldera National Preserve to enter Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Friday

(SANTA FE, NM)—Beginning Friday, June 10 at 8:00 a.m. the Santa Fe National Forest and the Valles Caldera National Preserve will enter Stage 2 Fire Restrictions due to severe drought conditions and increasing fire danger. Restrictions will apply to all wilderness areas including the Chama River Canyon Wilderness, Dome Wilderness, Pecos Wilderness and San Pedro Parks Wilderness.

Under Stage 2, the following acts will be prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Santa Fe National Forest and Valles Caldera National Preserve:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, wood or stove fire.
2. Using an explosive.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
4. Possession, discharging or using any type of firework or pyrotechnic device.
5. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
6. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame
7. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effect working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).
8. Possessing or operating motorized vehicles off National Forest System roads, including but not limited to cars, trucks, SUVs, motorcycles and ATVs.

Violation of these restrictions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months.

For more information regarding forest recreation opportunities and fire restrictions, please contact the Santa Fe National Forest at (505) 438-5300, or visit us online at www.fs.fed.us/r3/sfe.

For general information regarding ongoing fire activity on the Santa Fe National Forest please call 1-877-971-3473, or visit www.nmfireinfo.com.